(c) whether his Ministry or the concerned management are in recipt of any complaints made in this connection and if so, what action has been taken on the same; and

(d) whether there is a great resentment among the local people regarding these appointments and whether people have recently expressed their deep discontent on this issue in a public meeting in the presence of several Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production of coal by CCL

7330. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for coal production by the Central Coalfields Limited during each of the last three years and the actual production of coal during this period; and

(b) the efforts made to achieve the targets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Coal production targets set for Central Coalfields Limited during the last three years were achieved. Details are given below :—

(Million tonnes)

Year	Coal Production	
	Target	Actual
1991-92 . . .	31.00	31.21
1992-93 . . .	32.00	32.38
1993-94 . . . (Provisional)	33.50	33.51

Decline in production of non-coking coal

7331. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made about the decline in production of 93.141 MT of non-coking coal containing UHV of 2400 to 4200 kilo Calories per/ K.G. on power houses and to industry in terms of cost and environmental problem;

(b) why efforts were not made by coal industry to mine low ash, low sulpher and high calorific coal from deep seated non-coking coal reserves by underground method in the national interest;

(c) whether it is a fact that maximum extractable reserve of the coal industry by open cast method is 13,626 MT but is of low heat value ranging from 2400 to 4200 UHV KC/KG and is not being used for power generation and by industry anywhere in the world;

(d) if so, whether any complaint by Power Sector and Environment Ministry of ill effects of high ash coal causing environmental problem has been received; and

(e) if so, the detail therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) No, Sir. As proper design measures are incorporated to burn the low grade coal in power plants and to meet the environmental regulations, no decline in output of the power plants is expected. Therefore, the question of any assessment does not arise.

(b) Planning for coal production is always done keeping in view factors like demand, location of consumers, location of coal deposits